

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mrs. Janet D. Hood on 2/22/11.

The listing of the claims has been corrected as follows:

14. (Cancelled).

17. (Cancelled).

1. Applicant cancelled claims 1-11, 14 and 17.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 12, 13, 15 and 16** are allowed.

3. **Claims 12, 13, 15 and 16** are renumbered.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 12 is allowed based on the reasons provided on the board decision rendered on 11/24/2010 and the fact that no further prior art have been found to anticipate or render obvious the claimed invention.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohamed Charioui whose telephone number is (571) 272-2213. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eliseo Ramos-Feliciano can be reached on (571) 272-7925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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